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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: ADB SAFEGUARD REVIEW

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[1](#)1. (SBU) On February 25, Embassy officers discussed Asian Development Bank issues with Ministry of Finance (MOF) International Department Director General Zheng Xiaosong and other MOF officials (septel). Concerning safeguards in general, Zheng said the ADB should be more flexible and allow the use of domestic consultants in some countries, including China. He said China opposes a "one size fits all" approach to safeguards, and noted that in some areas China's safeguards now are more stringent than those of the ADB.

[1](#)2. (SBU) On March 11, Embassy followed up with DG Zheng and conveyed reftel demarche. Zheng did not provide any response beyond the points he made on February 25.
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